

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	: Robert J. Hanson
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For	: PROTECTIVE LAYER FOR CORROSION PREVENTION DURING LITHOGRAPHY AND ETCH
Examiner	: Jose Diaz
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance dated January 6, 2009, the Applicant respectfully submits the following comments.

To the extent that the Examiner's paraphrasing of the subject matter of the claims deviates from the actual language of the claims, the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Reasons for Allowance. The Applicant also wishes to point out that the claims are patentable based on the combination of elements recited therein and not on any particular feature. Accordingly, to the extent that the Reasons for Allowance omit claims elements, the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Reasons for Allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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